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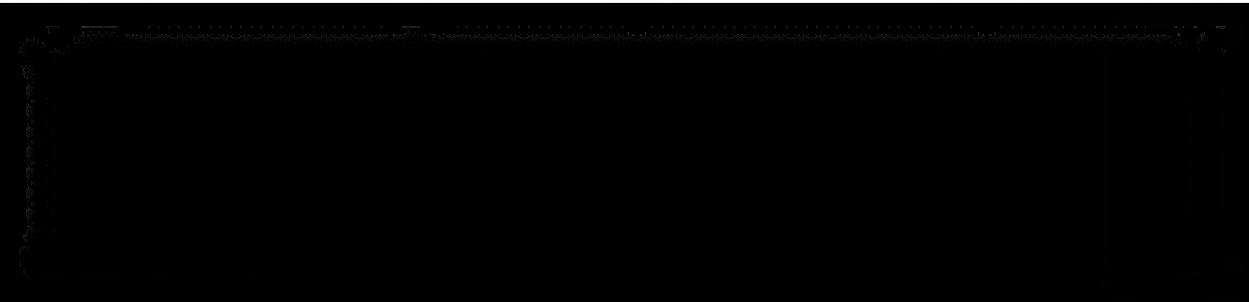San Francisco, California

Dear General Kuter:

On my return from my recent trip I found that preparations had been made to have several men who are working on the AQUATONE Project go out to the Far East to make arrangements for a base from which one of our units can operate as soon as it can be moved to your theater. In view of the fact that you and I discussed this matter when I saw you in Tokyo, I thought it wise for me to write you this personal note which they will deliver.

In the few days since my return we have reviewed exhaustively, in consultation with both the Air Force and the Navy here, both the operational suitability of various bases and the political problems that might be created by our location at a base in Japan or in one of the neighboring areas. The considerations we have reviewed can be explained to you in as much detail as you desire by the men who will carry this letter.

I am greatly impressed with the practical operational advantages of a location in the Tokyo area. I have not forgotten, nor do I under-estimate, the political risks you outlined to me but it may be that effective use of our cover story and careful living out of our cover role would reduce these risks to acceptable proportions. I hope you will give our men a chance to go over this ground with you and that you will review the conclusions you expressed to me.

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Whatever location is finally chosen, we will be counting on your support. I hope you will help us all you can, especially if we are at one of the remote locations. We will try to do everything in our power (always within what we are allowed to undertake) to make what we believe is a major capability useful to you.

I greatly enjoyed our conversation in Tokyo. My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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